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1939 SERVICE & COMMENTARY BY [illegible]
NEUBURG OVER STATION XRHB.
D. NEUBURG.

[redacted]

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FILE NO. D. 38

SUBJECT:

Broadcast of Transocean News Service and commentary by K.A. Neubourg over Station X H H B

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Duty Branch.

REPORT

Date November 9, 1939.

Subject. Denis Neuberg, Clerical Assistant of the P.W.D., reported to be broadcasting Transocean News over Station XHHB.

Made by D.S.I. MacAdie Forwarded by C. Crawford

It is reported that Denis Neuberg, a Clerical Assistant of the S.M.C. P.W.D., is engaged in broadcasting Transocean News reports over Station XHHB, Lane 504, House No. 36, Avenue Foch.

Karl August Neuberg, German Eurasian and father of Denis Neuberg, regularly acted as commentator for Transocean News which is pro-German and anti-Allied in nature from the inception of the broadcast until November 2nd when a younger but similar voice was heard. Since that date both Karl Neuberg's and the new voice which is reported to be that of his son have been heard irregularly.

Whether the elder Neuberg, who is employed in a British firm, the Confederation Life Association, 51 Canton Road, has had pressure brought to bear on him to discontinue this propaganda work or whether he intends to hand the work over to his son for other reasons, is not known.

R. W. MacAdie.

D. S. I.

Commr. of Police.
Sir:
Information
of this Reliability
D.C. (Sp. B.)

Better confirm before we report further

D.C. (Special Branch)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE COMMISSIONER

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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May 31 40.

My dear Major Guyn,

I forward herewith a report on Mr. K. A. Neubourg, a German citizen.

Yours sincerely,

R.W.J.

Major P.J. Guyn,
British General Staff,
Shanghai.

TEL. 77181

SECRET & PERSONAL.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. Sp. BRANCH
No. 5 Party 1940.
Date 31 5 40

My dear Yorke,

I should be ver y grateful if you could have confidential enquiries made as to the possible anti-British activities of Mr. K.A. NEUBORG. NEUBORG is one of the Agency Staff of the Confederated Life Association, he is a German or part-German Eurasian with a German passport, but speaks little or no German, so I am told.

I understand he was one of 4 or 5 who used to broadcast the German Trans-Ocean news at the beginning of the war, but I am informed, how correctly I don't know, that he no longer does this and that he gave it up last October or so.

He has a brother here and it is possible that the anti-British activities of one may be credited (or debited) to the other.

Please forgive me for troubling you in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

J. Lay.

R. W. Yorke, Esq.,
Headquarters, Shanghai Municipal Police,
Shanghai.

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Karl August Neubourg is a German Eurasian, born in Shanghai, August 14, 1892. He attended St. Francis Xavier's School in Shanghai where he showed very little intelligence. From 1909, when he left School, to the end of the 1914 Great War there is very little known of his activities, but in 1919 he was appointed manager of the Klamber Trading Corporation, 10 Kiukiang Road. This business after a short time failed and Neubourg was unemployed.

In 1921 he obtained the position of assistant manager of the China Garage Company under the directorship of his brother (now deceased). He occupied this position for two years and then entered the insurance business. From 1923 to 1929 he was employed by the Manufacturers' Life Assurance Co. of Canada and left them to join the Sun Life of Canada where he stayed until 1934. From 1934 to 1936 he was with the Associated Life Underwriters and on leaving them joined the Confederation Life Association, 51 Canton Road, where he is still employed. He appears to have been very successful in the Insurance field and is highly spoken of by his employers. He lives at present in Apartment 432 Hamilton House with his wife. His family consists of one daughter and three sons.

K.A. Neubourg was not a member of the local Nazi party and being a Eurasian was not well received in the local German community and as far as can be ascertained had no political leanings until recently when he was overheard to express mild pro-German beliefs. He was employed by Trans Ocean News Agency to broadcast German propaganda in English over Station X H H B in September, 1939 but discontinued this form of employment in the beginning of November, 1939.

At this time a younger voice was heard over Station X H H B and it was strongly believed to be one of the sons of K.A. Neubourg named Denis who is employed as a clerk in the P.W.D. of the S.M.C. He lives at Flat 12, Peking Apartments, 157 Peking Road, and is a member of the Singals Company (RESERVE ~~Russian~~) in the S.V.C. Whether this person is at present employed as a commentator is not known but he is still believed to have connections with the radio station mentioned above. (Confirmed from two sources connected with radio broadcasting.)

There are four others, all of German nationality broadcasting from this station their names being as follows :-

Th. SCHNEIDER

O. BOCHOW

H. AUST

A. von DELLINGSHAUSEN

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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, ... 193.....

To .....

K. T. Newberry was
a member of the
Police from Nov 1924
to December 1929.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D.38(c)
Date 20 10 39

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Headquarters,
Shanghai Municipal Police.

CONFIDENTIAL DRAWER

October 20, 1939.

To.

The Secretary & Commissioner General.

The Commissioner of Police presents his compliments in forwarding herewith the undermentioned documents.

Reference No:- D.38

Subject :- Karl August NEUBOURG - German Eurasian commentator of Transocean News reports over Radio Station XRHB.

Enclosures

Copy of a Police Report.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch. 17.10.39

REPORT

Date Oct. 17th 1939.

Subject. Karl August NEUBOURG - German Eurasian commentator of Transocean News reports over Radio Station XMHA.

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Cantlie. S.I.

Commr. of Police
Sir:
Information
Thos Robertson
D. C. (Sp. Br.)

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to E Sent 20/10. C.
S: C. G

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE 23 OCT. 1939 SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE

In regard to the daily broadcasting in the English language over Radio Station XMHA located at House 36, 804 Avenue Foch, of pro-German and anti-allied propaganda sponsored by the German Transocean News Agency, I have to report that the announcer is one Karl August NEUBOURG, a German Eurasian, born in Shanghai on August 14, 1892.

NEUBOURG, who cannot speak German, was educated at St. Francis Xavier's School in Shanghai, but he was not regarded as being an intelligent student.

Little is known of his activities between the time he left school in about 1909 till the conclusion of the Great War.

In 1919 he was appointed manager of the Klauber Trading Corporation, 10 Kiukiang Road, an import and export concern, but the business failed before long and for some time he was unemployed.

In 1921, NEUBOURG became assistant manager of the China Garage Company, under the directorship of his brother. He stayed in this position for two years and then entered the insurance business.

From 1923 until 1929 he was with the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company of Canada, from 1929 till 1934 with the Sun Life of Canada, the next two years with Associated Life Underwriters

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and since then with the Confederation Life Association, 51 Canton Road where he is still employed.

During the entire period he has been connected with insurance concerns, he has spent his time in selling life insurance policies on a commission basis and his efforts have been quite successful, he having been able to maintain a good standard of livelihood. He is at present residing at 432 Hamilton House with his wife.

Prior to the declaration of war on September 3, 1939, NEUBOURG was not a member of the local Nazi party and being a Eurasian was not well received by the local German community. He has never, until recently, forcibly expressed himself as being a believer in or follower of Nazism and has invariably been regarded as a rather reticent type of person not interested in politics.

Lately, however, he has been heard to voice rather mild pro-German beliefs but in his office it is not known that it is he who broadcasts the daily outbursts in which he violently attacks the news items of local British journals and news agencies vis-a-vis the war situation in Europe.

NEUBOURG has a daughter and three sons, one of whom, Denis, is a clerical assistant employed in the Public Works Department of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

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K. A. NEUBOURG has never previously come to the notice of the Police from a detrimental angle and he is spoken of by his present employers, a British concern, as being an honest, reliable and hardworking man. His services, however, are likely to be dispensed with at any time due to the incidence of the Enemy Trading Act.

As far as can be ascertained, NEUBOURG, whose fundamental outlook on life is more British than German, has never previously indulged in pro-German matters of any kind, but it is more than possible that he is under some kind of obligation to the local Germans and that Mr. S. LAHRMANN, leader of the Nazis here, on whose instructions the broadcasts in question began, remmnerates him well for his services. NEUBOURG speaks well and with plenty of self-assurance over the radio and mainly concerns himself with the ridiculing of all news not emanating from German sources. But in private life, he is a quiet man and on the surface, totally apathetic to political events. True he is a German, but his home and his upbringing have both been in Shanghai where German influence has had not the slightest part in the forming of his character.

Photograph of K.A. NEUBOURG attached herewith.

D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch)